

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is responsive to Request for Consideration Examination (RCE) filed on 11/05/2008.

Response to Amendment

The Examiner has acknowledged the amended claims 1, 9, 19, and the cancellation of claims 17 – 18, and 28.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James J. Woods on 12/03/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, delete **"be communicated"** (lines 5 and 7) and insert **---**
communicate ---; delete **" and "** (line 6); delete **" is able to receive "** (line 9) and insert **---**
receives ---.

In claim 1, insert after said first user (line 17) **---** ; **wherein the second user uses a broadcaster computer and the first user uses a first viewer computer, the method further comprising: receiving a request to initiate one or more server**

connections between the broadcaster computer and the first viewer computer, the one or more server connections are for passing the image; facilitating a peer-to-peer connection between the broadcaster computer and the first viewer computer, the peer-to-peer connection is for passing the image; facilitating communication of the image over the peer-to-peer connection instead of the server connections; and wherein a third user uses a second viewer computer comprises: passing a request to view the image from a second viewer computer to the broadcaster computer; and facilitating the reestablishing of a first server connection between the broadcaster computer and the first viewer computer for passing the image in response to receiving the second viewer computer request; and facilitating a second server connection between the broadcaster computer and the second viewer computer for passing the image ---.

In claim 9, delete " and " (line 14); delete " thereby conserving bandwidth of the servers " (line 16).

In claim 9, insert before connections (line 3) --- one or more server ---; insert after connections (line 16) --- ; wherein the one or more server connections with the application servers are for passing control data for the image; wherein after routing the image over the peer-to-peer connection: receiving a request from a second viewer computer to view the image; in response to receiving the second viewer computer request, reestablishing a first server connection between the broadcaster computer and the first viewer computer for passing the image; and

establishing a second server connection between the broadcaster computer and the second viewer computer for passing the image ---.

In claim 19, delete “ and ” (line 13); insert before connections (line 3) --- one or more server ---; insert after connections (line 15) --- ; and after passing the image from the broadcaster computer to the first viewer computer: passing a request to view the image from a second viewer computer to the broadcaster computer; and facilitating the reestablishing of a first server connection between the broadcaster computer and the first viewer computer for passing the image in response to receiving the second viewer computer request; and facilitating a second server connection between the broadcaster computer and the second viewer computer for passing the image ---.

In claim 3, delete “claim 2” and insert --- claim 1 ---.

In claim 5, delete “claim 4” and insert --- claim 1 ---.

In claim 7, delete “claim 4” and insert --- claim 1 ---.

In claim 13, delete “claim 12” and insert --- claim 9 ---.

In claim 15, delete “claim 12” and insert --- claim 9 ---.

In claim 23, delete “claim 22” and insert --- claim 19 ---.

In claim 25, delete “claim 22” and insert --- claim 19 ---.

Cancel claims 2, 4, 11, 12, 22, and 27.

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